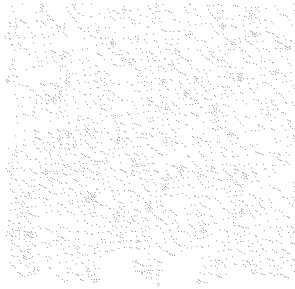


**To:** Bokun, Lisa[Bokun.Lisa@epa.gov]  
**From:** Gomez, Kendra  
**Sent:** Mon 8/10/2015 9:21:46 PM  
**Subject:** RE: can you call me. FW: RSC Request for Deployment - URGENT; Gold King Mine Spill



If Janie is deployed in support of the Gold King Mine Spill, she must return to the office as she is not current with her H&S training requirements.

Kendra

**From:** Gomez, Kendra  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 3:45 PM  
**To:** Bokun, Lisa  
**Subject:** RE: can you call me. FW: RSC Request for Deployment - URGENT; Gold King Mine Spill

OK. At this time, I can't really define supportive. They've been briefed on the ramifications of allowing untrained personnel deploy, but they really haven't done anything about it. So....I guess we will see.

Gary Miller (6SF) – Overdue for first aid/CPR training; last taken 2/6/13. **NOT Authorized to Engage in**

**Support of Gold King Mine Spill.**

Janie Acevedo – Overdue on 8hr HAZWOPER training; last taken 11/14/13. **NOT Authorized to Engage in**

**Support of Gold King Mine Spill.**

**From:** Bokun, Lisa  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 3:24 PM  
**To:** Gomez, Kendra  
**Subject:** RE: can you call me. FW: RSC Request for Deployment - URGENT; Gold King Mine Spill

Appreciate the clarification. Define "supportive".....are they going to back you up when you have to tell the REOC 3/4<sup>th</sup> of the people they want to send out aren't qualified to go.?

Supervisors need to understand if they knowingly allow personnel to be deployed without the required training, they can be held personally liable if the person is injured. Can't imagine anyone wanting to be exposed to that liability. Please also check Gary Miller in SF and Janie Acevedo (she left yesterday for Durango, CO) and advise. Thx.

P.S. suggest you may also want to find out what the plans are regarding the REOC for this upcoming week-end, i.e., are they going to want to use Addison again or are they going to want OT A/C for them to stay here in the R.O.

**From:** Gomez, Kendra  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 3:14 PM  
**To:** Bokun, Lisa  
**Subject:** RE: can you call me. FW: RSC Request for Deployment - URGENT; Gold King Mine Spill

Cynthia is current on her HAZWOPER. She is overdue on her 1<sup>st</sup> Aid/CPR training.

I spoke with Troy about this earlier today and he is very supportive. I've since had conversations with Ronnie and Susan about the processing of personnel for my clearance. They are supposed to send me a list of names that they'd like to deploy and I'm either going to approve or decline.

I haven't had a chance to follow-up with Troy regarding this process. But I will ensure he knows the exact ramifications of sending personnel out when they aren't cleared by H&S>

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**From:** Bokun, Lisa

**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 2:23 PM

**To:** Gomez, Kendra

**Subject:** RE: can you call me. FW: RSC Request for Deployment - URGENT; Gold King Mine Spill

Wow – not good. I can tell you this is going to be a huge issue that needs to be discussed immediately with Troy/James. The REOC is not going to let this stop them from deploying folks. Cindy Fanning told me she had taken the 24 hour Hazwoper a year ago but she believes it is coming due again in August.

**From:** Gomez, Kendra

**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 2:07 PM

**To:** Bokun, Lisa

**Subject:** FW: can you call me. FW: RSC Request for Deployment - URGENT; Gold King Mine Spill

**Importance:** High

Because personnel are deploying in support of an emergency response, they must have a minimum of 24-hr HAZWOPER training, as required under 29CFR1910.120. I will follow-up with

Susan to rectify that statement.

As of 8/10/15, the status of the following personnel are:

Janetta Coats – First Aid/CPR expires 8/27/15 and is currently overdue in annual Radiation Safety training

(2/27/14). She also hasn't been fit tested and trained on respiratory protection. **NOT**

**Authorized to Engage in Support of Gold King Mine Spill.**

Cindy Fanning – Overdue on first aid/CPR; last taken 1/10/13. **NOT Authorized to Engage in Support of**

**Gold King Mine Spill.**

Darrin Swartz-Larson – Does not have initial HAZWOPER training on file. **NOT Authorized to Engage in**

**Support of Gold King Mine Spill.**

Susan Spaulding – Met all H&S requirements; Authorized to Engage in Support of Gold King Mine Spill.

Mary Kemp – Overdue on 8hr HAZWOPER refresher; last taken 8/22/14. **NOT Authorized to Engage in**

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**From:** Bokun, Lisa  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 1:31 PM  
**To:** Gomez, Kendra  
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**Importance:** High

Note the highlighted words in the request from Susan Webster below – it does not say these are requirements. Please check to see if the following people have what is required and advise ASAP:

**From:** Assunto, Carmen  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 1:11 PM  
**To:** Bokun, Lisa  
**Subject:** can you call me. FW: RSC Request for Deployment - URGENT; Gold King Mine Spill  
**Importance:** High

**From:** Webster, Susan  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 1:10 PM  
**To:** Rhea, William; Loesel, Matthew; Smith, Rhonda; Kemp, Mary; Atkins, Blake; Tates, Samuel; Harrison, Ben; Assunto, Carmen; McQuiddy, David; Jackson, Marcus  
**Cc:** Torres, Michael; Adams, Mikeal  
**Subject:** RSC Request for Deployment - URGENT; Gold King Mine Spill  
**Importance:** High

The REOC has been activated for the Gold King Mine Spill. This is an immediate activation of the R6 RSC.

The Region is requesting 30 EPA staff be immediately deployed to the Farmington NM area as community relations support. Deployment is for potentially a week (min 5 days deployment).

Preference is for a min of 24-hour HAZWOPER, and medical monitoring.

Please have staff, that have supervisor approval to deploy, email Michael Torres and cc Mikeal Adams and Susan Webster.

Thank you for you help! Susan

Susan Webster, Chief

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